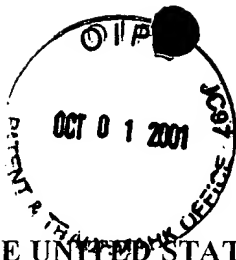


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENTS

Applicant submits these amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2001. Replacement pages in which the new claims are set forth, are attached hereto.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 7-28.

Please amend the existing patent claims as follows:

7 29 (Amended) A module for driving a gas discharge lamp having an envelope in response to electrical power from a source, said module comprising:

means for receiving power from the source;

an oscillator coupled to said receiving means for transforming said received power